

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the above amendment, claims 1-19 will have been canceled and claims 20-51 will have been submitted for consideration by the Examiner. In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections of all the claims pending in the present application. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

Initially, Applicant would like to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Official Action, for the acceptance of the drawing filed in the present application on November 29, 2000, and for the acknowledgment of Applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents, in the Official Action. Applicant further notes with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgment of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on March 9, 2001, as evidenced by the return of the initialed and signed PTO-1449 Form, and for consideration of the document cited in the Information Disclosure Statement.

Turning to the merits of the action, the Examiner has rejected to claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by KISONO (U.S Patent No. 6,614,548).

As noted above, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims without prejudice or disclaimer, and has submitted new claims 20-51 for consideration. Applicant respectfully traverses the above rejection based on newly added claims 20-51 and will discuss said rejection with respect to the pending claims in the present application as will be set forth

herein below. The newly added claims merely clarify the subject matter recited in the canceled claims, but do not narrow the scope of the claims.

Applicant's new claims 20-26 relate to a facsimile device which connects to another device via a LAN, receives image data via a PSTN, and prints the received image data. The facsimile device has a controller which controls printing of the received image data by using the printer. The controller converts the received image data into data configured for an Internet transmission and transfers the converted data to the another device via the LAN interface when the printer is not capable of printing the received image data. Claim 48 recites a related method.

Applicant's new claims 27-33 relate to a facsimile device including a LAN interface which connects to a LAN and receives data via the LAN. The LAN interface is connected to another device via the LAN. The facsimile device includes a printer that prints the received data and has a controller which controls printing of the received data by using the printer. The controller transfers the received data to the another device via the LAN interface when the printer is not capable of printing the received data. Claim 49 recites a related method.

Applicant's new claims 34-40 relate to a facsimile device which connects to another device via a LAN and receives image data via a PSTN. The facsimile has a memory which stores the received image data. The facsimile prints the image data stored in the memory and has a controller which controls printing of the stored image data by using the printer. The controller converts the image data stored in the memory into data

configured for an Internet transmission and transfers the converted data to the another device via the LAN interface when the memory is full. Claim 50 recites a related method.

Applicant's new claims 41-47 relate to a facsimile device which connects to a LAN and receives data via the LAN. The LAN is connected to another device via the LAN. The facsimile has a memory which stores the data. The facsimile has a printer which prints the data stored in the memory and a controller which controls printing of the stored data by using the printer. The controller transfers the data stored in the memory to the another device via the LAN interface when the memory is full. Claim 51 recites a related method.

On the other hand, KISONO discloses a facsimile transmission through a LAN in which a client terminal 303 transmits image information to a network facsimile apparatus 100 via the LAN 102. The client terminal 303 has a facsimile application manager 51 which executes a facsimile application and has a serial port driver 354 which communicates with the network facsimile apparatus 100. The facsimile application manager 51 of the client terminal 303 negotiates with the serial port driver 354 of the client terminal 303 for the facsimile transmission. The serial port driver 354 of the client terminal 303 negotiates with the network facsimile apparatus 100. That is, the facsimile application manager 51 of the client terminal 303 does not communicate directly with the network facsimile apparatus 100 during negotiation, but via the serial port driver 354 of the client terminal 303. Thus, the client 303 avoids a time delay in the communications with the network facsimile apparatus 100. In other words, KISONO merely discloses

facsimile transmission between the client terminal 303 and the network facsimile apparatus 100, since both the facsimile application manager 51 and the serial port driver 354 are elements of the client terminal 303, as seen in Figs. 3 and 5.

However, KISONO does not disclose another device to which the converted data is transferred via a LAN interface when the printer is not capable of printing the received image data, since the client terminal 303 of KISONO merely transmits image information to the network facsimile apparatus 100, and since the network facsimile apparatus 100 of KISONO merely receives the image information from the client terminal 303. Thus, KISONO does not disclose any facsimile device which, when the printer is not capable of printing the received image data, converts received image data into data for an Internet transmission and transfers the converted data to another device via a LAN interface.

Further, KISONO does not contain any disclosure of judging whether the printer can print the received image data or not, since KISONO merely disclose a printer 6 of the network facsimile apparatus 100 in Fig.2. Furthermore, the transmission delay time of KISONO means a delay time that occurs in negotiation between the client terminal 303 and the network facsimile apparatus 100. However, the present inventions are not related to any transmission delay time, since the present invention relates to a facsimile device which transfers the converted data to the another device via the LAN interface when the printer can not print the received data. Thus, KISONO does not disclose at least the above feature of the present invention, in the claimed combination, and the claims are thus patentable thereover.

As noted above, KISONO also does not disclose a facsimile device which, when the printer is not capable of printing the received data, transfers received data to the another device via the LAN interface. Additionally, KISONO does not disclose a facsimile device which, when the memory is full, converts the image data stored in the memory into data configured for an Internet transmission and transfers the converted data to the another device via the LAN interface. Furthermore, KISONO does not disclose a facsimile device which, when the memory is full, the controller transfers the data stored in the memory to the another device via the LAN interface. Thus, KISONO does not disclose any of the combinations of features of the present inventions, in the claimed combination.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the features recited in Applicant's newly submitted claims 20-51 are not taught or rendered obvious by KISONO cited by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection and an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application, in due course.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

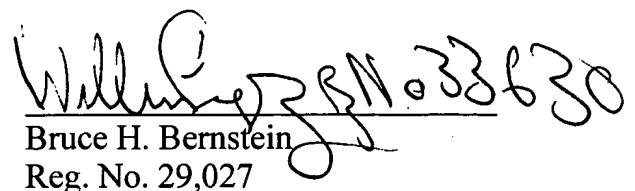
Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance and believes that he has now done so. Applicant has canceled the rejected claims and has submitted new claims for consideration by the Examiner. With respect to the new claims, Applicant has pointed out the features thereof and has contrasted the features of the new claims with the disclosure of the applied references. Accordingly, Applicant has provided a clear evidentiary basis supporting the patentability of all claims in the present application and respectfully requests an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application in due course.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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